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CRADA Title: Science and Technology Development for Renewable Energy Applications

Parties to the Agreement: General Electric + NREL + Sandia National Labs

Abstract of CRADA work:

This CRADA PTS is a vital element of a larger GE effort to design and build higher-power next-generation wind turbine generators with a cost of energy production competitive or less than conventional fuel based generation. This is essential to the successful deployment of wind turbines closer to populated load centers consistent with the DOE's goals. The technology jointly developed will enable the design and manufacture of lighter-weight, more cost-effective wind turbine generators. GE believes that the successful implementation of this technology will contribute significantly to maintaining GE's competitiveness in the global wind turbine market and, to this end, has dedicated a number of its own researchers and funds, to develop this technology.

Summary of Research Results:

Category 1: Wind Energy

This category covers any work associated with the design, development, manufacturing, fielding, maintenance, or operation of wind energy systems. The work also involved development of design tools, design procedures, or international standards. Projects in this category included field and laboratory testing of existing designs; development of advanced components such as blades, control systems, or drive trains; or addressing novel uses, such as offshore applications. Projects also addressed the monitoring and operations of full-scale wind farms.

Category 2: Solar Energy

This category encompasses any work associated with the design, development, manufacturing, fielding, maintenance, or operation of solar energy systems. The work also involved development of design tools, design procedures, or international standards. Projects in this category included field and laboratory testing of existing designs; development of advanced components such as PV cells/modules, control systems, and power conversion systems; or addressing novel applications. Projects also addressed the monitoring and operations of solar energy installations.

Category 3: Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems

This category includes any work associated with the design, development, manufacturing, fielding, maintenance, or operation of hybrid renewable energy systems. The work also involved development of design tools, design procedures, or international standards. This category addressed combinations of conventional and renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal sources coupled with energy storage to lessen dependence on hydrocarbon energy sources like diesel fuel. This category also covered grid-independent village power and island power systems. Projects in this

category included field and laboratory testing of existing designs; development of advanced components such as hydrogen electrolyzers, control/power conversion systems, and desalination systems; or addressing novel applications. Projects addressed the monitoring and operations of renewable energy system installations.

Category 4: Geo-Thermal Energy Systems

This category encompasses any work associated with the design, development, manufacturing, fielding, maintenance, or operation of geothermal energy systems. The work also involved development of design tools, design procedures, or international standards. Projects in this category included field and laboratory testing of existing designs, development of advanced components such as turbine-generators and heat exchangers, improvement of construction techniques, or addressing novel applications. Projects also addressed the monitoring and operations of geothermal energy installations.

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